

AT THE PLAY.

A pretty comedy of love troubles. The play is in three acts, and the curtain is raised at the first, for love's lightest jests and woes begin—
"An old, old play."

The play is on, with the curtain and the fumes. The curtain rises, and the shadows, twinkle glances, like lightning, as the scenes pass before the eyes of the audience.

The curtain bows with the final fall of scene, the lights fan all wider for telling face, and turns to answer many jests with jest.

A bitter play.

The curtain falls, the comedy is done;

The mutes fade, the lights die, one by one.

My lady goes with what protecting care

Do strong men stand by, and the world goes.

Too long the play.

—*Harper's Weekly*

THE MORGAN WILL.

I had been admitted to the bar, but I had very little practice and found myself with plenty of time on my hands. I had got into the habit of dropping in to chat with a newsdealer who kept a stand not far from my office. Old Bowls, an everybody called him, dealt also in waste paper and rags which he sold to the papermakers.

One evening he was sorting a lot of rags, when I noticed a sealed document bound with blue tape. I took it up and saw that it was called "Last Will and Testament."

I opened it and commenced to read.

"In the name of God! Amen. Now all men by these presents, that I, James Morgan, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament."

"What? that you say?" demanded Bowls, as he dropped a handful of paper and looked up at me.

I repeated what I had read.

"All right," he said. "Now read on, Squite."

"I give and bequeath to my adopted daughter, Elizabeth Morgan, otherwise known as 'Elizabeth Summers,' all my personal and real property, after the payment of my funeral expenses and my just debts."

"Heaven!" exclaimed old Bowls, "that must be the will of old Morgan who died four years ago—it was said, intestate. He left not less than \$100,000, that all went to—"

"everybody expected it would have been left to the late Elizabeth Summers, his adopted daughter."

"That has become of the adopted daughter?" I asked.

"I do not know, but I think I can find out."

"How much of this property is real estate? and where is it situated?"

"Well, there is the Oakdale plantation, which lies about five miles out from here, and is worth at least \$50,000. Then there are several houses in town also, besides \$25,000 in government securities."

"Who is the relative that got the property?"

"Skaggs. He lives out at the Oakdale farm. I think he is a second cousin to Mr. Morgan."

"What kind of man is he?"

"A mean old skunk, or he would never have taken the last cent from my poor girl."

"Well," said I, "I propose to take this will home with me to-night and examine it carefully. If I find it all right we'll hunt up the girl and recover that property for her."

To this he assented, and, depositing the document in my pocket, I bade the old man good night and returned to my office, where I slept.

The next afternoon I went to Bowls's store. He was alone, waiting for me.

"I have found where the girl is," he said, as soon as I told him that the will was undoubtedly genuine. "She lives about fifty miles off, in a little place called Elmwood, on a high hill, from where things go on in the most primitive way."

A faint relish—a faint three times recovered, very poor, but, it seems, not without a heart—heard of her destination, and sent for her. An old lady, who used to know the girl, and had her at her house after old Morgan's death, happened to come in here and I asked her if she knew where Elizabeth Summers was to-morrow."

"I said to her, 'I will go and see her to-morrow.' And bring her back with you," said the driver, pointing with his whip. "I've up-her, just around the point of the mountain. You'll see the house in ten minutes or so."

It was a warm, sultry day, in August, with not a breath of air stirring. I soon caught sight of the house—a plain, unpretentious structure like so many in that region. When we were about 200 yards from the sound of falling water I heard me, apparently coming from some precipitous rocks on the left. As I was thirty I went toward it. As I turned the corner of a cliff a handsome girl, about 20 years of age, emerged from a sort of cave, her on her shoulder a large water jar. The lightness with which she stepped from stone to stone, across the brook, the pose, as of a native, was graceful, with which she here aloft the jar, made me unconsciously an admiration of the sport. Though she was dressed in the simplest homespun and wore neither shoes nor stockings, I forgot altogether the homeliness of her apparel in the grace of her movements, the exquisite contour of her figure, and the beauty of her expressive face, which was now mantling with blushes. A small dog, apparently a self-constituted police officer, walked up to me curiously as I advanced, having in his head, intuitively I knew this must be my client.

My client it was. I lost no time in explaining the object of my visit. She was very much surprised, but, after a moment's hesitation, said with dignity.

"Come up to the house, please. I will consult my aunt. Down, Tip—down star."

The dog ceased barking at the command and sat quietly ahead. I offered to take the girl, but she declined with the courtesy of a queen.

When she had introduced me to Mrs. Ben and said, "This gentleman, am I, has something very strange to tell you, and I will leave you with him for a moment," she disappeared, returning some quarter of an hour later, dressed in a becoming blue muslin and with the daintiness of slippers on her pretty feet. I had no time to produce the will and given details of the case, and she was gone.

"Not to do us long on the prelude to my story, I will say briefly that my client and I left the next morning for Kent, and were met at the door by Bowls and his daughter, who received my charge, while I went to my lodgings for sleep and dreams to my room."

The next day I filed the documents in the office of the county court, and gave notice of my suit for a writ of habeas corpus.

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